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This CertAlert pertains to:
All 14 CFR part 139 Airport Operators

Runway End Precision Free Obstacle Zone (POFZ) Evaluations

Recently the FAA issued guidance to airport operators that changed the Precision Obstacle Free Area (POFA) to the Precision Free Obstacle Zone (POFZ) and modified the requirements of protection associated with the POFZ. Correspondingly, AC150/5300-13 (Airport Design), AC150/5340-1 (Marking standards), and AC150/5340-18 (Sign standards) were changed to reflect and accommodate the new POFZ criteria. Additional changes to AC150/5300-13 and FAA Order 8260.3 (US Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures) also modified separation standards between runways and taxiways in certain low-visibility situations.

The recent changes to the sign and marking AC's indicated to airport operators that, after an FAA evaluation, airport operators would be required to add signs and markings to protect the POFZ in certain select locations no later than January 01, 2007.

We are currently in the process of conducting a POFZ evaluation of all Southern Region airports and will have specific guidance available very shortly. Until that guidance is disseminated you can and should review the criteria in the sign and marking AC's, and compare that guidance to your airport in an attempt to identify areas on your airport where POFZ protection may be required.

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